



MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

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To: All LFRD Training Coordinators

At the request of Chief Alan Hinde, Division of Volunteer Services, and many LFRD training coordinators, we are turning over the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and SCBA training of new members to the individual local fire and rescue departments. It will now be their responsibility to ensure proper training and accurate record keeping for each new member of their department. This course is a six hour course. It consists of lecture and practical sessions. We have created a CD with the power point presentations for both PPE and SCBA for your use. We have also included a quiz that can be used to assess the student's level of comprehension. The practical portion of the course consists of 3 parts:

1. Walking around the fire station, up and down stairs for approximately 15 minutes while breathing air to get used to wearing the SCBA and gear, and breathing air from the SCBA unit.
2. Practice each of the 3 emergency situations and procedures.
3. In the past, we have had the students go through a simple maze to get the feel of moving around and working while wearing this equipment and breathing air, but you can substitute this by having the student, with obscured vision, follow a charged hose line throughout the engine room.

**We strongly recommend that the instructor, who is teaching the class, has completed Instructor I and Fire Officer I courses.** After completion of this course, the student will have to apply for equivalency (like any other outside of the academy course) through the Training Chief at the Public Safety Training Academy. If our training packet is used, then the process of equivalency is a rather short process. If a department chooses to use another training format, then a list of objectives covered, and a course description is required with the equivalency application. Attached is a list of the objectives our training CD covers. Once the equivalency has been approved, the student's transcript will be updated. This change in practice will go into effect January 1, 2009. If there are any questions regarding this change, please feel free to call or email me.

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